

Learning Department
July 20th 1855

Dr

The letter of Messrs J.P. Morris & Co. to you, asking the loan of the boiler in your custody for the purpose of pumping water from the foundation of the Light House at Absecon, is returned.

Presuming that the work referred to is in fulfillment of a contract, I must decline giving my sanction to the loan of any public property in my charge for such purpose.

If the boiler in question is no longer required by you for the purposes originally intended, I will cheerfully sanction its sale for a fair price as suggested in your letter.

When you reporting such offer and its acceptance if deemed suitable I will direct the purchase money to be paid to the credit of the Treasurer and authorize him to deliver the order to the purchaser on such payment.

Very respectfully
Yours &c &c

Prof L.C. Baath
Phila

J. J. Lutton
Secretary of the Treasury

1855

July 28th
Jas. Guthrie
Washington
D.C.